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Dear Mr. Stevens:

This letter is the second interim response to your November 8, 2017, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)¹ request, which Ms. Katie O'Connor (formerly of your staff) sent via electronic mail to the attention of Michael Marquis, FOIA Director, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS or Department). In accordance with the June 4, 2018 minute order of the Court, our agency will be providing rolling responses to your FOIA request in accordance with the Court-established schedule, as we continue with our review of the records located. This letter constitutes our second response for the records we have reviewed to date.

To reiterate the scope and substance of your FOIA request, your organization sought four itemized categories of records as described below, for the time period of January 20, 2017, to the date the records search began:

- 1) All communications, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational materials, draft legislation, talking points, or other materials received by HHS from, sent by HHS to, or exchanged between HHS and representatives of the Susan B. Anthony List, Concerned Women for America, March for Life, American Values, and Family Research Council regarding House Resolution 1628 or any other efforts to repeal or reform the Affordable Care Act ("ACA").
- 2) All calendar entries reflecting meetings between HHS and representatives of the Susan B. Anthony List, Concerned Women for America, March for Life, American Values, and Family Research Council regarding House Resolution 1628 or any other efforts to repeal or reform the ACA.
- 3) All communications, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational materials, draft legislation, talking points, or other materials received by HHS from, sent by HHS to, or exchanged between HHS and representatives of the Susan B. Anthony List, Concerned

¹ 5 U.S.C. § 552

Women for America, March for Life, American Values, and Family Research Council regarding House Joint Resolution 43 or any other efforts to exclude Planned Parenthood or similar organizations from federal funding.

4) All calendar entries reflecting meetings between HHS and representatives of the Susan B. Anthony List, Concerned Women for America, March for Life, American Values, and Family Research Council regarding House Joint Resolution 43 or any other efforts to exclude Planned Parenthood or similar organizations from federal funding.

As we advised in our prior response of July 2, 2018, the Department conducted a search of the e-mail accounts and calendars of the HHS staff members who would customarily maintain these categories of records, if existent. We are continuing to review the over four gigabytes of records in personal storage table (.pst) format which were located and may be potentially responsive to your request; however, those records require further review to determine whether they are indeed responsive. For this response, we have reviewed e-mails and calendar entries with an approximate size of 259 megabytes. Those e-mails, calendar entries and attachments, after conversion from the .pst file format in which they were provided to our office to a page-countable format, totaled 3,126 pages of records.

After a thorough and detailed review of those records and their attachments by the FOIA office, no records were found within the above referenced 3,126 pages which were responsive to the four items of your request.

We are continuing to review the records located in response to your FOIA request, and as stated above, will be responding to your FOIA request with subsequent productions on a monthly basis.

Sincerely,



For

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